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Louisville Orchestra receives NEA Arts Stimulus Grant

Louisville, KY (July 7, 2009)... The Louisville Orchestra has been awarded an Arts Stimulus grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for 2009 – a highly competitive award for which the NEA received \$110 million in requests for an available pool of only \$50 million. The Orchestra qualified for the highest possible award - \$50,000 – which will be used to support the Summer Classics Series this month.

Louisville Orchestra CEO Rob Birman said, “We are deeply honored to have earned the support of the NEA for its highly competitive ARRA grant (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). The fact that the endowment received more than \$110 million in requests, and only had \$50 million to divide among all arts disciplines, makes the Louisville Orchestra especially proud to have been selected.”

Under the ARRA rules for arts organizations, the Louisville Orchestra will not be eligible for stimulus support from the Kentucky Arts Council. Organizations may only receive stimulus funds from one source.

The Louisville Orchestra entertains, educates and enriches our community through a broad outreach of diverse programs built on the traditions of live orchestral music with passionate dedication to artistic excellence.

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